

# WE RAISE FOUNDATION

Financial Statements  
With Independent Auditors' Report

June 30, 2024 and 2023

# WE RAISE FOUNDATION

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors  
We Raise Foundation  
Itasca, Illinois

### *Opinion*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of We Raise Foundation, which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of We Raise Foundation as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### *Basis for Opinion*

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of We Raise Foundation and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### *Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about We Raise Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Board of Directors  
We Raise Foundation  
Itasca, Illinois

***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of We Raise Foundation's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about We Raise Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

*Capin Crouse LLP*

Naperville, Illinois  
November 6, 2024

# WE RAISE FOUNDATION

## Statements of Financial Position

	June 30,	
	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 679,704	\$ 759,529
Short-term contributions and planned gifts receivable	115,000	38,118
Prepaid expenses	44,326	37,464
	839,030	835,111
Furniture and equipment - net	10,309	8,436
Operating lease right-of-use-asset	158,962	255,154
Cash surrender value of life insurance	14,432	13,811
Long-term contributions and planned gifts receivable	189,186	-
Long-term investments	2,348,137	2,130,843
Long-term investments held for board designated endowment	6,946,906	6,490,832
Funds held in trust by others	1,711,500	1,613,398
	\$ 12,218,462	\$ 11,347,585
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 14,013	\$ 15,371
Accrued expenses	22,134	20,004
Operating lease liability, current portion	107,540	105,432
Grants payable, current portion	333,161	260,485
	476,848	401,292
Operating lease liability, net of current portion	64,938	165,245
Grants payable, net of current portion	213,729	148,259
Total liabilities	755,515	714,796
Net assets:		
Net assets without donor restrictions:		
Board designated for investments	6,946,906	6,490,832
Net assets with donor restrictions:		
Restricted by purpose or time	\$1,008,054	677,426
Restricted in perpetuity	3,507,987	3,464,531
	4,516,041	4,141,957
Total net assets	11,462,947	10,632,789
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 12,218,462	\$ 11,347,585

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## Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE:</b>			
Support:			
Contributions:			
Individuals	\$ 499,407	\$ 121,614	\$ 621,021
Organizations	69,039	361,037	430,076
Change in value of funds held in trust by others	-	171,306	171,306
Planned gifts	363,122	-	363,122
	931,568	653,957	1,585,525
Revenue:			
Investment income	194,687	65,908	260,595
Net investment gain	655,014	256,276	911,290
	849,701	322,184	1,171,885
Net assets released from			
Purpose restrictions	592,057	(592,057)	-
Time restrictions	10,000	(10,000)	-
	602,057	(602,057)	-
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>2,383,326</b>	<b>374,084</b>	<b>2,757,410</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
Program activities:			
Grants and projects	577,764	-	577,764
Program education	377,281	-	377,281
Program support	220,119	-	220,119
	1,175,164	-	1,175,164
Supporting activities:			
Management and general	208,131	-	208,131
Fundraising	543,957	-	543,957
	752,088	-	752,088
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,927,252</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,927,252</b>
Change in Net Assets	456,074	374,084	830,158
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	6,490,832	4,141,957	10,632,789
Net Assets, End of Year	<b>\$ 6,946,906</b>	<b>\$ 4,516,041</b>	<b>\$ 11,462,947</b>

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## Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE:</b>			
Support:			
Contributions:			
Individuals	\$ 464,994	\$ 31,660	\$ 496,654
Organizations	39,004	7,269	46,273
Change in value of funds held in trust by others	-	65,584	65,584
Planned gifts	355,854	-	355,854
	859,852	104,513	964,365
Revenue:			
Investment income	190,899	67,684	258,583
Net investment gain	491,384	198,270	689,654
	682,283	265,954	948,237
Net assets released from restrictions	296,529	(296,529)	-
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>1,838,664</b>	<b>73,938</b>	<b>1,912,602</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
Program activities:			
Grants and projects	340,041	-	340,041
Program education	355,751	-	355,751
Program support	205,128	-	205,128
	900,920	-	900,920
Supporting activities:			
Management and general	166,018	-	166,018
Fundraising	412,486	-	412,486
	578,504	-	578,504
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,479,424</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,479,424</b>
Change in Net Assets	359,240	73,938	433,178
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	6,131,592	4,068,019	10,199,611
Net Assets, End of Year	<b>\$ 6,490,832</b>	<b>\$ 4,141,957</b>	<b>\$ 10,632,789</b>

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## Statement of Functional Expenses

Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Program Activities			Supporting Activities				
	Grants and Projects	Program Education	Program Support	Total Program Activities	Management and General	Fund- raising	Total Supporting Activities	Total
Salaries	\$ -	\$ 190,225	\$ 123,672	\$ 313,897	\$ 71,533	\$ 223,107	\$ 294,640	\$ 608,537
Employee benefits	-	35,717	16,259	51,976	14,385	37,816	52,201	104,177
Payroll taxes	-	13,186	8,582	21,768	4,807	15,448	20,255	42,023
Professional services	-	41,011	17,591	58,602	55,205	133,121	188,326	246,928
Supplies	-	260	-	260	13,706	-	13,706	13,966
Telephone	-	2,692	2,378	5,070	891	2,447	3,338	8,408
Postage & shipping	168	2,958	468	3,594	329	8,279	8,608	12,202
Occupancy	-	32,851	31,756	64,607	12,045	32,851	44,896	109,503
Printing, media, and promotion	-	32,431	-	32,431	-	36,313	36,313	68,744
Conferences & meetings	9,518	20,507	6,228	36,253	14,865	8,634	23,499	59,752
Subscriptions & publications	-	120	-	120	170	-	170	290
Organization dues	-	-	-	-	585	585	1,170	1,170
Grants & projects	565,118	-	-	565,118	-	-	-	565,118
Equipment rental & maintenance	2,960	764	8,834	12,558	16,072	41,401	57,473	70,031
Insurance	-	3,939	3,731	7,670	2,918	3,335	6,253	13,923
Depreciation	-	620	620	1,240	620	620	1,240	2,480
	<u>\$ 577,764</u>	<u>\$ 377,281</u>	<u>\$ 220,119</u>	<u>\$ 1,175,164</u>	<u>\$ 208,131</u>	<u>\$ 543,957</u>	<u>\$ 752,088</u>	<u>\$ 1,927,252</u>

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## Statement of Functional Expenses

Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Program Activities			Supporting Activities			Total	
	Grants and Projects	Program Education	Program Support	Total Program Activities	Management and General	Fund- raising		Total Supporting Activities
Salaries	\$ -	\$ 178,255	\$ 108,507	\$ 286,762	\$ 53,777	\$ 156,002	\$ 209,779	\$ 496,541
Employee benefits	-	32,428	14,713	47,141	11,895	30,047	41,942	89,083
Payroll taxes	-	12,002	7,327	19,329	3,543	10,506	14,049	33,378
Professional services	-	43,711	18,511	62,222	47,155	85,798	132,953	195,175
Supplies	-	-	-	-	8,867	-	8,867	8,867
Telephone	-	2,823	2,511	5,334	945	2,588	3,533	8,867
Postage & shipping	-	4,369	649	5,018	202	7,963	8,165	13,183
Occupancy	-	33,161	32,055	65,216	12,219	33,161	45,380	110,596
Printing, media, and promotion	-	28,069	-	28,069	-	37,164	37,164	65,233
Conferences & meetings	8,888	15,783	8,156	32,827	7,712	6,499	14,211	47,038
Subscriptions & publications	-	120	-	120	-	-	-	120
Organization dues	-	-	-	-	1,752	-	1,752	1,752
Grants & projects	328,260	-	-	328,260	-	-	-	328,260
Equipment rental & maintenance	2,893	671	8,515	12,079	14,501	38,891	53,392	65,471
Insurance	-	3,778	3,603	7,381	2,869	3,286	6,155	13,536
Depreciation	-	581	581	1,162	581	581	1,162	2,324
	<u>\$ 340,041</u>	<u>\$ 355,751</u>	<u>\$ 205,128</u>	<u>\$ 900,920</u>	<u>\$ 166,018</u>	<u>\$ 412,486</u>	<u>\$ 578,504</u>	<u>\$ 1,479,424</u>

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## Statements of Cash Flows

	Year Ended June 30,	
	2024	2023
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Reconciliation of change in net assets to net cash provided (used) in operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 830,158	\$ 433,178
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation	2,480	2,324
Non-cash effect of change in accounting principle	-	15,521
(Gain) loss on sale of investments	(308,415)	39,468
Net unrealized gains on investments	(602,875)	(729,122)
Decrease in value on cash surrender value of life insurance	(455)	(367)
Contributions restricted for endowments	(10,200)	(9,200)
Changes in:		
Other receivables	-	7,959
Contributions and planned gifts receivable	(266,068)	69,423
Prepaid expenses	(6,862)	17,063
Funds held in trust by others	(98,102)	28,011
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	772	(30,495)
Operating lease assets and liabilities	(2,007)	-
Grants payable	138,146	(87,873)
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	(323,428)	(244,110)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Purchase of investments	(3,976,547)	(592,357)
Proceeds from sale of investments	4,214,468	841,775
Premiums paid on life insurance policies	(166)	(166)
Purchase of furniture and equipment	(4,352)	(4,813)
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	233,403	244,439
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Proceeds from contributions restricted for endowments	10,200	9,200
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities	10,200	9,200
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(79,825)	9,529
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	759,529	750,000
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ 679,704	\$ 759,529
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES:</b>		
Right-of-use asset obtained under operating lease	\$ -	\$ 348,343

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# WE RAISE FOUNDATION

## Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2024 and 2023

### 1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION:

We Raise Foundation (WRF) is a nonprofit organization formerly known as Wheat Ridge Ministries. In January 2018, WRF changed its name to reflect a new strategic direction. This new direction involved the creation of marketing and communication tools, including website, print materials, brand identity and online digital presence.

WRF partners with Christian organizations and emerging leaders to raise consciousness, community leadership, and capital. WRF's vision is people free from poverty, violence, and inequality and this is achieved through three priority granting areas: education, workforce development, and criminal justice. Motivated by the belief that freedom is grace in action, WRF provides grants and assistance with resource development. This unique approach to non-profit investing offers grantees comprehensive assessments, crowdfunding assistance, and research, in addition to grants. With a strategic approach to assisting grantees in these ways, WRF leverages donor funding and multiplies its impact in the pursuit of sustainability for the organizations it serves. In addition, WRF convenes and connects leaders in key topic areas to collaborate and share knowledge.

Currently, grants are made under these grant programs:

**GrantsPlus:** WRF's largest and most competitive grant program, partnering with Christian organizations that work at the intersection of poverty, violence, and inequality. Grants are particularly focused on education, workforce development, or criminal justice and for fiscal year (FY) 2023 and FY 2024 provide up to \$100,000 over a term of up to three years. As part of its evolving strategy, We Raise will partner with other aligned funders to increase the size and impact of a grant and these have been as high as \$500,000, with each funding partner fulfilling a percentage of the grant. WRF serves primarily as a first investor for programs or organizations that are three years or younger, while also making targeted investments in existing programs or organizations that have proven to be highly effective in their field. Letters of inquiry are accepted twice a year.

**Emerging Leader Grants:** WRF provides grants as an investment in the development of leaders, between the ages of 20-35, at Christian organizations who are leading new programs at the intersection of poverty, violence, and inequality. For FY 2023 and FY 2024, grants were up to \$15,000, over two years for new programs led by young adult leaders and used to help fund start-up expenses for the new programs. These grants are awarded quarterly.

**Crowdfunding Grants:** WRF hosts and guides its GrantsPlus grantees through the creation of an incentivized crowdfunding campaign.

**Select Grants:** From time to time, WRF will fund a limited number of projects outside of the above competitive grant programs that promote its mission. These grants may be initiated by a donor or a member of the WRF staff.

# WE RAISE FOUNDATION

## Notes to Financial Statements

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1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION, continued:

WRF derives the major portion of its support from the generous gifts of individuals, congregations, schools, and other organizations, and from investment earnings. WRF's endowment funds include those designated by the Board of Directors for investment (funds from the sale of the Lutheran Sanatorium in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, plus a portion of subsequent planned gifts), the Walther League Legacy Endowment (assets from the Walther League merger, plus additional gifts), and general and named endowments.

WRF is exempt from income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code (Code) and comparable Illinois state law, and contributions to it are tax deductible within the limitations prescribed by the Code. WRF has been classified as a publicly supported organization that is not a private foundation under section 509(a) of the Code.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

### BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements of WRF have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from these estimates. The more significant accounting policies are summarized below.

### CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include checking and money market accounts. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, WRF's cash balances did not exceed federally insured limits. WRF has not experienced any loss on these accounts.

### INVESTMENTS

Short-term and long-term investments are reported at fair value. Fair values for investment securities are based on quoted market prices, where available. If quoted market prices are not available, fair values are based on quoted market prices of comparable instruments. Unrealized gains and losses are included in net investment gains (losses). Financial instruments that potentially subject WRF to credit risk consist principally of interest bearing bonds, equity mutual funds, and bond mutual funds. WRF maintains a diversified portfolio of investments and, prior to September 2019, had placed its portfolio with two investment managers. One manager managed fixed income securities and equity securities using a value style. The other manager managed equity securities using a growth style. Starting in 2019, We Raise Foundation changed to a new investment manager and thus liquidated all positions held by the previous investment managers. The new investment manager has discretion to select investment funds in accordance with the WRF Investment Policy Statement.

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### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued:

#### CONTRIBUTIONS AND PLANNED GIFTS RECEIVABLE

Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected within one year are recorded at net realizable value. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected in future years are recorded at the present value of their estimated future cash flows. The discounts on those amounts are computed using the five-year average return for a short/intermediate bond fund applied to the years in which the promises are expected to be received. Amortization of the discount is included in contribution revenues in the statements of activities. The allowance for uncollectible amounts is provided for contributions receivable estimated as uncollectible. Planned gifts are recorded as income at the time WRF has an established right to the gift and the proceeds are measurable.

#### FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Expenditures for furniture and equipment in excess of \$500 are recorded at cost. Donated assets to be used in the ministry are capitalized at their fair market value on the date of the gift. Depreciation is recorded using the straight-line method based on estimated useful lives of five years.

#### FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY OTHERS

WRF has several arrangements whereby a donor has established a term or perpetual trust that is administered by a third party. WRF is a designated beneficiary and has the irrevocable right to receive the income earned on the trust assets for the term or in perpetuity. Annual distributions from the trusts are reported as investment income without donor restrictions, or, if restricted by the donor, as investment income with donor restrictions. For perpetual trusts, adjustments to the amount reported as an asset, based on an annual review using the same basis as was used to measure the asset initially, are recognized as change in value of perpetual trusts with donor restrictions. For term trusts, adjustments to the amount reported as an asset, based on an annual review using the same basis as was used to measure the asset initially, are recognized as change in value of funds held for others with donor restrictions. The amount reported on the statements of financial position represents WRF's share of the fair value of the assets in the trust as of the fiscal year end.

WRF is also the remainder beneficiary of several split-interest agreements which are held by others. The related income from these arrangements that have been restricted by the donors has been recorded as income with donor restrictions. The recorded value on the statements of financial position is the actuarial present value of WRF's future interest in the split-interest agreements.

The portion of funds held in trust by others, which are restricted in perpetuity, totaled \$1,340,960 and \$1,307,704, as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and are included in net assets with donor restrictions in the statements of financial position.

#### GRANTS PAYABLE AND EXPENSE

Grant expense and the related grants payable are recorded when the grants are approved and grantees are notified of the award. Grants are made for the purposes described in Note 1.

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### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued:

#### NET ASSETS

Net assets and changes therein are reported as follows:

*Net assets without donor restrictions* are those currently available for ministry purposes under the direction of the Board of Directors (Board) and those designated by the Board to function as an endowment.

*Net assets with donor restrictions* are those contributed with donor stipulations for specific operating purposes or programs or those with time restrictions. They are not currently available for use in WRF's ministries until commitments regarding their use have been fulfilled. They also include funds restricted by donors in perpetuity as endowments or perpetual trusts.

#### SUPPORT, REVENUE AND RECEIVABLES

Contributions are recorded when cash is received or when ownership of donated assets is transferred. Contributions restricted by the donor for a specific purpose are recorded as support with donor restrictions until funds have been expended by WRF for the purposes specified. Upon satisfaction of the restriction or lapsing of time restriction, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Contributions restricted by the donor in perpetuity are recorded as support with donor restrictions class of net assets. Income distributions from these funds are reported as investment income that increases net assets with donor restrictions or net assets without donor restrictions. For the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the top 3 donors contributed \$342,252, or 29.47% and \$315,066, or 34.81%, of all contributions received, respectively.

#### PROMISES TO GIVE

WRF receives indications of intent to support the ministry that are commitments to provide monthly, quarterly or annual gifts of a specified amount. These commitments are open ended and subject to unilateral change by the donor. Because the commitments do not express a term or period, the amount of the commitment is not measurable. Considering these factors, these commitments are not considered to be unconditional promises to give and are not recognized prior to receipt of the contribution.

#### FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES

The costs of providing program and supporting activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities. The financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributable to more than one program or supporting function. Therefore, these expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The expenses that are allocated include depreciation, which is allocated on a square footage basis, as well as salaries and benefits, travel, and certain office expenses, which are allocated on the basis of estimates of time and effort.

WRF incurred joint costs of \$46,230 and \$45,745, in 2024 and 2023, respectively, for informational materials that included fundraising appeals. Of those costs, 87.5% were allocated to fund-raising and 12.5% to program education.

# WE RAISE FOUNDATION

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued:

RECENTLY ADOPTED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

In June 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued guidance (FASB ASC 326) which significantly changed how entities will measure credit losses for most financial assets and certain other instruments that are not measured at fair value through net income. The most significant change in this standard is a shift from the incurred loss model to the expected loss model. Under the standard, disclosures are required to provide users of the financial statements with useful information in analyzing an entity's exposure to credit risk and the measurement of credit losses. WRF adopted the standard effective July 1, 2023. The adoption had no impact on the financial statements.

3. INVESTMENTS:

Investments at June 30 consist of the following:

	Cost	Market Value	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
Year ending June 30, 2024:			
Equity mutual funds	\$ 5,518,142	\$ 6,714,011	\$ 1,195,869
Bond mutual funds	2,737,198	2,581,032	(156,166)
Total	\$ 8,255,340	\$ 9,295,043	\$ 1,039,703
Year ending June 30, 2023:			
Equity mutual funds	\$ 6,415,611	\$ 7,080,915	\$ 665,304
Bond mutual funds	1,769,236	1,540,760	(228,476)
Total	\$ 8,184,847	\$ 8,621,675	\$ 436,828

Investment income at year end consists of the following for the years ended June 30:

	2024	2023
Interest and dividends	\$ 296,709	\$ 291,532
Realized gains	308,415	(39,468)
Unrealized gains	602,875	729,122
	1,207,999	981,186
Less: Investment expenses	(36,114)	(32,949)
Net investment income	\$ 1,171,885	\$ 948,237

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4. CONTRIBUTIONS AND PLANNED GIFTS RECEIVABLE:

Contributions and planned gifts receivable based on an estimate of future cash flows are as follows at June 30:

	2024	2023
Receivable in less than one year	\$ 115,000	\$ 38,118
Receivable in one to five years	189,186	-
	\$ 304,186	\$ 38,118

5. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT, NET:

Furniture and equipment consist of the following at June 30:

	2024	2023
Furniture and equipment	\$ 104,134	\$ 99,782
Leasehold improvements	4,672	4,672
	108,806	104,454
Less accumulated depreciation	(98,497)	(96,018)
	\$ 10,309	\$ 8,436

6. GRANTS PAYABLE:

As described in Note 1, WRF annually makes grants to various organizations. These grants are payable over a number of years. The grants are scheduled to be paid as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,

2025	\$ 333,161
2026	172,000
2027	65,000
	570,161
Less present value discount	(23,271)
Less current portion	(333,161)
	\$ 213,729

Long-term grants payable have been discounted to present value using a discount rate based on the number of years the grant is payable over. Discount rates of 4.72% and 4.55% were used as of June 30, 2024.



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7. PENSION:

WRF is a participant in a defined contribution pension plan administered through the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod Concordia Plan Services, Concordia Retirement Plan. All employees are eligible to participate in the plan. Employer contributions for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, were \$48,968 and \$39,618, respectively.

8. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES:

During the year ended June 30, 2024, WRF entered into an agreement for consulting services to be rendered over a 3 year period. As of June 30, 2024, approximately \$251,000 remained outstanding.

9. NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS:

Net assets with donor restrictions consist of the following at June 30:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Time restrictions:		
Funds held in trust by others	\$ 381,937	\$ 358,715
Contributions and planned gifts receivable	50,000	10,000
	<u>431,937</u>	<u>368,715</u>
Purpose restrictions:		
Unspent earnings on permanently restricted endowment funds	562,075	288,678
Program activities	14,042	20,033
	<u>576,117</u>	<u>308,711</u>
Restricted in perpetuity:		
General and named endowments	1,123,307	1,113,107
Walther League Legacy Endowment	1,043,720	1,043,720
Funds held in trust by others - interest in perpetual trusts	1,340,960	1,307,704
	<u>3,507,987</u>	<u>3,464,531</u>
Total Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	<u>\$ 4,516,041</u>	<u>\$ 4,141,957</u>

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### 10. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS:

WRF has adopted the Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification. These standards establish a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value.

The valuations for the hierarchy are determined as follows:

Level 1 - Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 - Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

WRF uses appropriate valuation techniques based on the available inputs to measure the fair value of its investments. When available, WRF measures fair value using Level 1 inputs because they generally provide the most reliable evidence of fair value. Level 3 inputs are used only when Level 1 or Level 2 inputs are not available.

Fair values of assets measured on a recurring basis at June 30, 2024 and 2023, are as follows:

	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
June 30, 2024:				
Mutual funds	\$ 9,295,043	\$ 9,295,043	\$ -	\$ -
Money market funds	72,086	72,086	-	-
Cash surrender value of life insurance	14,432	14,432		-
Total investments	9,381,561	9,381,561	-	-
Funds held in trust by others:				
Terminal trusts	62,739	-	62,739	-
Perpetual trusts	1,340,961	-	1,340,961	-
Beneficial interests in charitable remainder unitrusts	307,800	-	-	307,800
Total funds held in trust by others	1,711,500	-	1,403,700	307,800
	\$ 11,093,061	\$ 9,381,561	\$ 1,403,700	\$ 307,800

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### 10. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS, continued:

	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
June 30, 2023:				
Mutual funds	\$ 8,621,675	\$ 8,621,675	\$ -	\$ -
Money market funds	41,409	41,409	-	-
Cash surrender value of life insurance	13,811	13,811	-	-
Total investments	8,676,895	8,676,895	-	-
Funds held in trust by others:				
Terminal trusts	58,523	-	58,523	-
Perpetual trusts	1,263,675	-	1,263,675	-
Beneficial interests in charitable remainder unitrusts	291,200	-	-	291,200
Total funds held in trust by others	1,613,398	-	1,322,198	291,200
Total assets at fair value	\$ 10,290,293	\$ 8,676,895	\$ 1,322,198	\$ 291,200

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the accompanying statements of financial position:

#### Level 1

Common stock, mutual funds, money market funds and exchange traded funds are carried at fair value based on quoted market prices.

#### Level 2

Cash surrender value of life insurance: The fair value of the cash surrender value of life insurance policies is based on WRF's share of the cash surrender value of the respective life insurance policy as represented by the insurance company.

Funds held in trust by others: The fair values of terminal and perpetual trusts are based upon WRF's share of trust assets including certificates of deposit, mutual funds and other publicly traded investments and corporate bonds.

#### Level 3

Fair values for the beneficial interests in charitable remainder trusts are determined by calculating the present value of the future distributions expected to be received, using published life expectancy tables and a 4.88% discount rate.

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### 11. ENDOWMENT FUNDS:

WRF's endowment consists of 15 individual funds established for a variety of purposes. Its endowment includes both donor-restricted endowment funds and funds designated by the Board to function as endowments. As required by GAAP, net assets associated with endowment funds, including funds designated by the Board to function as endowments, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

The Board of WRF has interpreted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, WRF classifies as net assets with donor restrictions (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment funds that is not classified in net assets restricted in perpetuity is classified as net assets restricted by purpose or time until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the organization in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA.

In accordance with UPMIFA, WRF considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

1. The duration and preservation of the fund
2. The purposes of the organization and the donor-restricted endowment funds
3. General economic conditions
4. The possible effect of inflation and deflation
5. The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
6. Other resources of the organization
7. The investment policies of the organization

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of June 30, 2024:

	With Donor Restrictions				Total Funds
	Without Donor Restrictions	Original Gift Amount	Accumulated Gains (Losses) and Other	Total With Donor Restrictions	
Donor-restricted funds	\$ -	\$ 2,167,027	\$ 562,075	\$ 2,729,102	\$ 2,729,102
Board-designated funds	6,946,906	-	-	-	6,946,906
 Total funds	<u>\$ 6,946,906</u>	<u>\$ 2,167,027</u>	<u>\$ 562,075</u>	<u>\$ 2,729,102</u>	<u>\$ 9,676,008</u>

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11. ENDOWMENT FUNDS, continued:

Changes in endowment net assets for year ended June 30, 2024:

	With Donor Restrictions				Total Funds
	Without Donor Restrictions	Original Gift Amount	Accumulated Gains (Losses) and Other	Total With Donor Restrictions	
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 6,490,832	\$ 2,156,827	\$ 288,678	\$ 2,445,505	\$ 8,936,337
Investment return, net	820,491	-	322,184	322,184	1,142,675
Contributions	-	10,200	-	10,200	10,200
Amount appropriated for expenditures	(396,213)	-	(48,787)	(48,787)	(445,000)
Change in undesignated deficit	31,796	-	-	-	31,796
	456,074	10,200	273,397	283,597	739,671
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$ 6,946,906	\$ 2,167,027	\$ 562,075	\$ 2,729,102	\$ 9,676,008

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of June 30, 2023:

	With Donor Restrictions				Total Funds
	Without Donor Restrictions	Original Gift Amount	Accumulated Gains (Losses) and Other	Total With Donor Restrictions	
Donor-restricted funds	\$ -	\$ 2,156,827	\$ 288,678	\$ 2,445,505	\$ 2,445,505
Board-designated funds	6,490,832	-	-	-	6,490,832
Total funds	\$ 6,490,832	\$ 2,156,827	\$ 288,678	\$ 2,445,505	\$ 8,936,337

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11. ENDOWMENT FUNDS, continued:

Changes in endowment net assets for year ended June 30, 2023:

	With Donor Restrictions				Total Funds
	Without Donor Restrictions	Original Gift Amount	Accumulated Gains (Losses) and Other	Total With Donor Restrictions	
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 6,131,592	\$ 2,145,627	\$ 219,823	\$ 2,365,450	\$ 8,497,042
Investment return, net	657,126	2,000	265,955	267,955	925,081
Contributions	-	9,200	-	9,200	9,200
Amount appropriated for expenditures	(259,900)	-	(197,100)	(197,100)	(457,000)
Change in undesignated deficit	(37,986)	-	-	-	(37,986)
	359,240	11,200	68,855	80,055	439,295
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$ 6,490,832	\$ 2,156,827	\$ 288,678	\$ 2,445,505	\$ 8,936,337

Funds with deficiencies: From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or UPMIFA requires WRF to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. In the past, these deficiencies resulted from unfavorable market conditions. There were no deficiencies as of June 30, 2024 and 2023.

*Return objectives and risk parameters:* WRF has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Endowment assets include those assets of donor-restricted funds that the organization must hold in perpetuity or for a donor-specified period as well as board-designated funds. Under this policy, as approved by the Board, the endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce results that exceed the increase or decrease in the consumer price index (CPI) while assuming a moderate level of investment risk. WRF expects its endowment funds, over time, to provide an average rate of return of approximately 5% above CPI annually. Actual returns in any given year may vary from this amount.

*Strategies employed for achieving objectives:* To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, WRF relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). WRF targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity-based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

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11. ENDOWMENT FUNDS, continued:

*Spending policies and how the investment objectives relate to spending policy:* A WRF Board approved policy allows withdrawals from the investment portfolio each year to support operations. The amount withdrawn for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, was based upon 5% of the average market value for a twelve quarter rolling average as of December 31, preceding the fiscal year the withdrawal occurs. Additional withdrawals have been approved by the Board in connection with the strategic plan. The actual market value is equal to the net additions to the portfolio since inception increased or decreased by investment earnings over time. This policy is intended to limit spending to an amount that will allow the WRF investment portfolio to grow at a rate that will maintain purchasing power.

12. LIQUIDITY AND FUNDS AVAILABLE:

The following table reflects WRF's financial assets, reduced by amounts not available for general expenditure within one year. Financial assets are considered unavailable when illiquid or not convertible to cash within one year, assets held for others, assets held in trusts and state required annuity reserves, perpetual and term endowments and accumulated earnings subject to appropriation beyond one year, unfunded portions of line of credit commitments, or because the Board has set aside funds for specific projects or a long-term investment as Board designated endowments. These Board designations could be drawn upon if the Board approves that action.

	June 30,	
	2024	2023
Financial assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 679,704	\$ 759,529
Cash surrender value of life insurance	14,432	13,811
Long-term investments	2,348,137	2,130,843
Long-term investments held for board designated endowment	6,946,906	6,490,832
Funds held in trust by others	1,711,500	1,613,398
Financial assets, at year-end	11,700,679	11,008,413
Less those unavailable for general expenditure within one year, due to:		
Investments held in trusts and state required annuity reserves	(1,711,500)	(1,613,398)
Net assets board designated for endowment	(6,946,906)	(6,490,832)
Perpetual and term endowments and accumulated earnings subject to appropriation beyond one year	(2,729,102)	(2,445,505)
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year	\$ 313,171	\$ 458,678

WRF structures its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due. At June 30, 2024, the Board had 6,949,906 of funds designated for operating reserves that could be drawn upon to meet its general expenditures if the board approved of such action. For fiscal year 2025, the Board has authorized \$453,000 of these funds to be used for general expenditures.

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### 13. OPERATING LEASE-RIGHT OF USE ASSET AND OBLIGATION:

WRF leases office space under a noncancelable operating lease expiring in 2026. The discount rate represents the risk-free discount rate using a period comparable with that of the lease terms. The lease requires monthly payments of \$9,048.

	<u>June 30, 2024</u>
Operating lease right-of-use asset	\$ 158,962
Operating lease obligation	\$ 172,478
Operating lease costs	\$ 103,425
Weighted-average discount rate	3.15%
Weighted-average remaining lease term	1.47 years

Future minimum lease payments required under the operating lease that have an initial or remaining non-cancelable lease term in excess of one year are as follows:

	<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	
	2025	\$ 107,540
	2026	69,732
		<u>177,272</u>
Less imputed interest		<u>(4,794)</u>
Present value of minimum lease payments		<u>\$ 172,478</u>

### 14. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

Subsequent events have been evaluated through November 6, 2024, which represents the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Subsequent events after that date have not been evaluated.



SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT  
ON SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

Board of Directors  
We Raise Foundation  
Itasca, Illinois

***Supplementary Information***

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

*Capin Crouse LLP*

Naperville, Illinois  
November 6, 2024

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## Schedule of Activities - Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Operating	Investment	Total
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE:</b>			
Support:			
Contributions:			
Individuals	\$ 499,407	\$ -	\$ 499,407
Organizations	69,039	-	69,039
Planned gifts	363,122	-	363,122
	931,568	-	931,568
Revenue:			
Investment income	26,235	168,452	194,687
Net investment gain	-	655,014	655,014
	26,235	823,466	849,701
Net assets released from restrictions by			
satisfaction of restrictions	602,057	-	602,057
Transfers into investments	(48,787)	48,787	-
Transfers into operations	445,000	(445,000)	-
	998,270	(396,213)	602,057
Total support and revenue and reclassifications	1,956,073	427,253	2,383,326
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
Program activities:			
Grants and projects	577,764	-	577,764
Program education	377,281	-	377,281
Program support	220,119	-	220,119
	1,175,164	-	1,175,164
Supporting activities:			
Management and general	208,131	-	208,131
Fundraising	543,957	-	543,957
	752,088	-	752,088
Total Expenses	1,927,252	-	1,927,252
Change in Net Assets	28,821	427,253	456,074
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	(354,900)	6,845,732	6,490,832
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ (326,079)	\$ 7,272,985	\$ 6,946,906

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## Schedule of Activities - Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Operating	Investment	Total
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE:</b>			
Support:			
Contributions:			
Individuals	\$ 464,994	\$ -	\$ 464,994
Organizations	39,004	-	39,004
Planned gifts	355,854	-	355,854
	859,852	-	859,852
Revenue:			
Investment income	23,155	167,744	190,899
Net investment gains	-	491,384	491,384
Other income	-	-	-
	23,155	659,128	682,283
Net assets released from restrictions by satisfaction of restrictions	296,529	-	296,529
Transfers into investments	(197,100)	197,100	-
Transfers into operations	457,000	(457,000)	-
	556,429	(259,900)	296,529
Total support and revenue and reclassifications	1,179,536	399,228	1,838,664
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
Program activities:			
Grants and projects	340,041	-	340,041
Program education	355,751	-	355,751
Program support	205,128	-	205,128
	900,920	-	900,920
Supporting activities:			
Management and general	166,018	-	166,018
Fundraising	412,486	-	412,486
	578,504	-	578,504
Total Expenses	1,479,424	-	1,479,424
Change in Net Assets	(39,988)	399,228	359,240
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	(314,912)	6,446,504	6,131,592
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ (354,900)	\$ 6,845,732	\$ 6,490,832

See notes to financial statements